

Japan Culture Day was held at Addis Ababa University on 23 November 2024. This rare occasion to come in touch with Japanese culture in Addis Ababa was cohosted by the Japan Foundation and the JICA Ethiopia Office.

Ambassador SHIBATA Hironori opened this event with the attendance of Dr. Samuel Kifle, the Interim President of Addis Ababa University and Mr. Ahmed Mohammed, chief of staff of Minister of Culture and Sports.

The renowned Ethiopian “Moseb Cultural Music Group” livened up the Mekonnen Hall with their performance of Japanese pop songs(‘Sekai ni Hitotsu Dake no Hana).

The Ethiopian Judo and Karate masters offered a mesmerizing demonstration. A Manga drawing competition attracted more than X participants and three winners were awarded. Two Japanese films were screened.

Japanese residents in Ethiopia, Safaricom Telecommunications, MEXT Alumni and JETA and Kokoro restaurant presented their respective goods and services at booths. Over 1,000 dignitaries, foreign diplomats, friends of Japan, students from Addis Ababa University and journalists together experienced the joy of Japanese culture.



Ambassador Shibata’s speech



**President of Addis Ababa
H.E. Dr. Samuel Kifle**



**Chief of Staff, Minister of Culture and Sports,
Mr.Ahmed Mohammed**



With Commissioner Derartu Tulu



Performance by Moseb Cultural Music Group



Manga competition



Karate



Embassy booth



Tea Ceremony



Wanage



Bon Odori (Traditional Japanese Dance)



Japanese Film